

Minutes of the Progressive Caucus meeting in Olympia January 27, 2017

The minutes of 9-17-2016 were approved. The agenda was approved.

Treasurers Report

Carolyn Potts submitted the treasurer's report, which was approved.

Beginning Balance 8/31/2016 **\$3,640.84**

Revenue

September dues	\$141.07
October dues	\$19.17
November dues	\$133.92
December dues	\$991.48
Total Revenue	\$1,285.64

Expenditures

9/6/2016 online bank fee	\$1.35
10/6/2016 online bank fee	\$1.50
12/5/2016 online bank fee	\$2.40
Total Expenditures	\$5.25

Ending Balance 12/31/2016 **\$4,921.23**

Last PDC report filed 12/31/2016

Estimated dues receipts for January 1, 2017 through January 28, 2017 should be in excess of \$625.00

Reorganization

Chair

Candidates Chad Lupkes and David Spring. Chad sees the role of chair as helping progressive activists around the state to become a community.. David referred to running for the legislature in a swing district which taught him the importance of listening to independent voters. He wrote an online how-to manual for becoming a delegate with 50K or more views. Chad was elected 46-12

Eastern WA Vicechair—Cedar Kennedy was unopposed and elected unanimously by acclamation.

Western WA Vicechair

Candidates were Eric Holt and Bob Burr. Eric has been a candidate for state senate and wants Democrats to compete in all districts nationwide. Mike Lapointe spoke for Bob Burr, who ran against Patty Murray as a protest candidate, had been active in progressive politics and with Occupy Bellingham, and wants to promote public financing of elections. There was some question about the first ballot tally, so the chair requested a recount. Eric was elected 48 to 14.

Secretary Martha Koester was unopposed and elected by acclamation.

Treasurer Justin Baird was unopposed and elected by acclamation

General Board (Membership)

Gigi Ferguson and Judith Shattuck were candidates Judith was a founding member and served as chair Last year she decided to "unretire." We are further left than most in the Democratic Party and need to build power and strength. Gigi pointed out that most committeepeople don't look like the population of our state. We need to reach out to all minorities. Born in Chicago, she has known that Trump is nothing new to black people. Priorities are funding for education and permanent scuttling of TPP. Gigi won 50 to 15.

General Board (Training)

Jean Thomas and Mike Lapointe were candidates. Jean has been reworking her interactive workshop on effective communication. We need to listen to people who aren't listening to us now, and build a more effective coalition of people. Mike said that we make change by bringing great people into the party. He has been a part of the labor movement and has run for Congress three times. Jean won 39 28

General Board (Fundraising) Judith Shattuck and Aryn Oster declared as candidates

General Board (Technology) Matt Woodward and Adam Peterson declared as candidates

Given that there was no time for more ballot tabulation for contested positions, the chair suggested that all candidates serve on an unofficial committee until we had time to conduct the elections in April.

Candidates for State Party Chair spoke

Incumbent Jaxon Ravens recalled the first meeting of the Progressive Caucus in 2005 and noted how far we have come since then. He has received the sole endorsement of Keith Ellison. The DNC has failed local parties.

Tina Podlodowski spoke of her parents who were refugees from Poland. She reminded us that 70% of the state committeepeople are new, and that the party needs to be upended at all levels.

Roger Flygare ran for state legislature and lost by 58 votes. We need both the energy of new people and the experience of older party members. Many of 300 elected positions in Pierce County were uncontested by Democrats. We need to get our message out and win.

Resolutions

Resolutions supporting Keith Ellison as Chair of DNC and in support of a state bank were considered. Both were adopted with one opposing vote each. There was no time to consider a resolution on medical marijuana accessibility.

Martha Koester
Secretary
February 9, 2017